



City of Rowlett

Special Work Session Minutes

City Council Budget Workshop

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Wednesday, September 15, 2010

6:30 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

Present: Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jackson, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Davis, Councilmember Kilgore and Councilmember Gallops

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Because of the number of citizens in attendance, the Work Session was moved from the Conference Room to the Council Chambers.

2. WORK SESSION ITEM

2A. Discussion of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year FY 2010-2011.

The Mayor discussed revenues projected for FY-2011 and agreed with staff's budgeted proposals. However, on the expenditure side, the following recommendations were discussed:

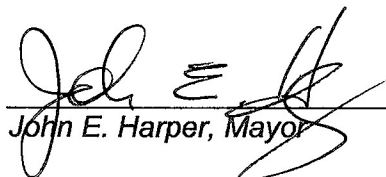
- A "no-growth" budget with expenditures equaling the amounts spent in the current fiscal year
- The fact was discussed that the proposed budget is \$1.6M less for a 1.9% decrease
- The Mayor presented the following expenditures for one-time non-recurring spending:
 - Fire Truck Leases - \$100,120
 - Law Enforcement Software - \$75,192
 - Fire House Software - \$10,912

- SCBA replacement - \$18,000
- Jaws of life - \$35,000
- TMRS increase - \$107,615 (mentioned this is not "non-recurring")
- Planning Study - \$100,000
- Special Events - \$40,985 (mentioned this is not "non-recurring")
- Median extra mowing - \$34,050
- Landscaping at City entrances - \$25,000
- Rowlett Stimulus Plan - \$24,000
- For a total of \$570,874
- The City Manager's proposed changes from conversations at earlier Work Sessions to the one-time spending totaled \$487,824
- Life packs were dropped from the staff's proposal, since a potential grant may be available for that purchase (it is a matching grant)
- Transparency of government is the reasoning for transferring funds on one-time money
- A total of \$9,840,748 to be the amount of "transfers in" and "transfers out"

Following that discussion was information regarding the Dependent Healthcare Contribution. It was determined that nothing would be changed at this time. An ad hoc committee is to be appointed on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 to include staff members, as well as Councilmembers to develop information with regard to policy. It was suggested by Council to hire Water Consulting Company to review the City's benefit plan. Staff suggested that GRS, a retirement consulting firm that does the actuarial calculations for TMRS, also be consulted. Lastly, it was suggested to invite Leonard Matarese, Director of Public Safety for ICMA to a work session or a special work session to discuss for about an hour, establishing synergy between the Fire and Police departments.

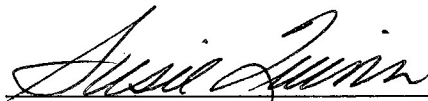
3. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



John E. Harper, Mayor

Date Approved: October 5, 2010



Susie Quinn, City Secretary